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I think.... Let's see. On page 6, on line 17, we are striking "economic loss" and inserting "damages". In doing this we would be not just saying economic loss as the time that he is working, but it would be losses that could be proven so that it would be more inclusive, rather than "economic loss" it would be "damages".

On page 6, line 21, we would be inserting, after "widower" "any dependent, or" and then strike "and". This would be in case it wasn't a widower, it could be a dependent, so we want that included.

On page 6, line 25, we are striking "economic loss" and again inserting the item of "damages" which I explained further above.

On page 7, line 3, we are striking the words "any such collateral payments shall be taken into account in determining damages due from the health and care provider involved". We are replacing that with the language "evidence shall also be admissible as to the amount of any premiums, payments or contributions paid by, or for claimants or any employer".

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Could I have a point of procedure, order or whatever?

PRESIDENT: What is it?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I don't know if this is.... Is everyone following this? I find it difficult to follow in this fashion.

PRESIDENT: Well Senator Mills has called me a time or two and wanted Senator Kennedy to go over it section by section and explain the impact of each one. Now what's your inquiry, Senator Cavanaugh?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well I'm not sure, Senator Kennedy, on the first couple of points that maybe that's been conveyed or at least not to my understanding of the Committee amendments. I don't know if we're going to go through this. We ought to do it in a way that everyone could understand what we've done, or what the Committee has done.

PRESIDENT: Well both of you were members of that Committee so what....

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'd like to help Senator Kennedy if I could and help, perhaps, the body to understand the issues here.

PRESIDENT: Could this be done by question and answer between you two Committee members so that the body is better informed on it?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Senator Cavanaugh, would you like.... Are you saying you'd rather go through the white copy that it's already adopted ... I mean that's already been reprinted with the amendments in it?